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1. The Union Revolucionaria (UR), the strongest legal political party in Peru at present, has adopted a position of neutrality, or non-cooperation, with the Odria government.
2. At recent meetings, the party's executive committee decided to remain aloof from the Odria regime and to await future political developments before announcing a specific party platform. This position has the approval of the party's leader, Luis Alberto Flores Medina, now Peruvian Ambassador to Rome. During Flores' absence, the UR leader in Peru is Dr. Ernesto Delgado Gutierrez, who is loyal to Flores and is personally anti-Odria.
3. Most of the UR members support the Flores-Delgado line, but a minority backs David Aguilar, Secretary General of the party, who favors cooperation with the Military Junta. Aguilar is a personal friend of Odria's.
4. The UR believes that since APRA is outlawed, it could now win a free election, and it plans to concentrate on winning as many seats as possible whenever the next congressional elections are called. The party is not believed to be grooming any presidential candidates at present.
5. The following summary presents a brief picture of the UR's current relations with other political groups:
 - a. The UR and Flores personally are close to the Viro Quesada family and support El Comercio, Lima newspaper owned by the Viro Quesada interests.
 - b. There is no personal animosity between Flores and Pedro Beltran, but the UR will not support Beltran's Alianza Nacional as long as Eudocio Ravines remains as one of Beltran's chief collaborators. If Beltran were to part with Ravines, the UR would be disposed to cooperate with Alianza Nacional.
 - c. In the army, the UR favors the group led by Lt. Col. Alfonso Llosa.
 - d. Flores has consistently been, and still is, opposed to Manuel Prado. Since Jose Quesada is now aligned with Prado, the UR is also in opposition to Quesada although he was that party's presidential candidate against Prado in the 1939 elections. Flores would favor a political working

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arrangement with APRA rather than have to align himself with either Prado or the Alianza Nacional as long as the latter includes Ravines.

e. The UR is on good terms with the Bustamante and Rivero group.

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